

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held in person and electronically via Google Meet
in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**AGENDA
AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Chair
- Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 17, 2023 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS NIL** *Chair
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** *Director
1. Motion:
That the Board ratify the tentative OCEW provincial central agreement as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee.
2. Motion:
That the Board ratify the tentative local agreement between Rainbow District School Board and CUPE local 895 as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee.
- E. OLD BUSINESS** *Director
1. **Previous Minutes** *Chair
- Motion:
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 be approved.
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL *SBO

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair

Governance By-Laws Update

- i) Motion:
That the recommended changes as outlined in Governance By-Law 3: Organizational Meeting, point 3.1.1 as amended be approved.
- ii) Motion:
That the recommended changes as outlined in Governance By-Law 6: Duties of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, point 6.3 as amended be approved.

F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair

1. **Revised Estimates 2022-2023** *SBO

2. **Special Education Advisory Committee** *Chair

Motion:

That Rainbow District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) membership be approved for the period of January 2023 to November 2026.

3. **OSTA/AECO – Board Council Conference** *Chair

Motion:

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Kuntsi and Student Trustee Trudeau at the OSTA/AECO Board Council Conference in Ottawa on February 16-19, 2023.

4. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:

That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the January 24, 2023 Board meeting.

5. **Director’s Remarks** *Director

6. **Other Items** *Chair

OPSBA Director
Student Trustee

7. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions** *Chair

Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.

8. **Chairperson’s Remarks** *Chair

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS *Chair

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Accessibility Planning Committee minutes June 6, 2018 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes May 10, 2022 (official)
Audit Committee minutes September 26, 2022 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes October 18, 2022 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS *Chair

- Special Education Advisory Committee February 1, 2023 12:00 pm
- Student Senate Meeting February 6, 2023 5:30 pm
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting February 7, 2023 5:00 pm
- Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee February 9, 2023 4:00 pm
- First Nation Advisory Committee February 16, 2023 10:00 am
- Board Meeting February 21, 2023 5:00 pm
- Parent Involvement Committee February 28, 2023 7:00 pm
- Environmental Education Committee Meeting March 1, 2023 3:30 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT *Chair

Motion:
That we do now adjourn at p.m.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), L. Corbiere-Addison, D. Dewar (via google meet), D. Farrow (via google meet), A. Gibson, J. Hunda (via google meet), J. Kosmerly (via google meet), D. Morrison (via google meet), Student Trustee Kuntsi (via google meet)

Absent: L. Debassige, Student Trustee Trudeau

Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents

Staff: N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, T. Hayes, D. Kitching, D. Koziar, C. McDonald, M. McNamara, N. Mousseau, D. Peristeridis, S. Tastula, J. Vallier, C. Whitson

Others: D. Beausoleil, K. Belanger, D. Bertrim, D. D’Angelo, K. Rivard Gobbo, B. Smith

Chair Clement advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and archived.

Chair Clement read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 23-R18, A.Gibson/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 6, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Lasalle Volleyball - OFSAA

Principal Kristina Rivard Gobbo introduced Lasalle Secondary School's Senior Boys' Volleyball team coach Dale Beausoleil and five of the team members. Coach Beausoleil spoke about the wonderful season the team had and their amazing experience at OFSAA. He expressed the pride he had in this group of boys, many whom he has coached and taught since grade 3.

Team member, Hayden Radey, thanked Coach Beausoleil for his amazing commitment and dedication to the Lasalle Boys' Volleyball team.

Trustees expressed their gratitude to Coach Beausoleil and their congratulations to the team on a fantastic season.

Food Drive

Superintendent Lesley Fisher introduced acting Vice Principal of Confederation Secondary School, Brad Smith, who is leading the Edgar Burton food drive on behalf of Rainbow Schools. Mr. Smith spoke about how the food drive began, fundraising results, and creative ways schools are encouraging donations.

Kim Boulanger, Principal of Churchill Public School, spoke about the FooDare Challenge that her staff members have issued to other schools in the Board.

Trustees thanked Brad and Kim for the great presentation and expressed their gratitude to the entire board for the ongoing fundraising efforts over the years.

Student Achievement – EQAO & OSSLT

Superintendent Noble introduced system principals to share information with trustees about EQAO and OSSLT results over time. She shared that we have the top results in all English Language Boards in Northeastern Ontario in Grade 3 math, Grade 6 math and Grade 6 writing. We have our best results ever in Grade 3 reading, in Grade 6 reading, in Grade 6 writing, and our best results since 2009-2010 in the OSSLT.

Dan Koziar (Principal of Program), Colleen McDonald (Principal of Special Education) and Maureen McNamara (Principal of Student Success) walked trustees through the presentation that compared the most recent 2021-2022 results to past years.

Trustees thanked everyone for the in-depth presentation and had the opportunity to ask questions.

D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD

Motion: 23-R19, J.Kosmerly/D.Farrow

That Motion #23-W02 RE: Cyril Varney Public School property matter, be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– Carried

Motion #23-W09 (Labour Relations matter) was discussed and passed at an in Camera Meeting held at 4:30 PM, December 6, 2022 (see item E.3.b Labour Relations Committee)

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 23-R20, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– Carried

b) Motion: 23-R21, A.Gibson/L.Corbiere-Addison

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Dena Morrison: In-favour

– **Carried**

c) Motion: 23-R22, A.Gibson/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Inaugural/Organizational Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 be approved with an amendment to the attendance of trustees showing those attending via google meet.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour

Linda Debassige: Absent

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

David Farrow: In-favour

Anita Gibson: In-favour

Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Dena Morrison: In-favour

– **Carried**

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

Motion: 23-R23, A.Gibson/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Lively District Secondary School, classroom ventilation upgrades-tender #2023-01 to Ainsworth Inc. for \$1,254,716.00.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour

Linda Debassige: Absent

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

David Farrow: In-favour

Anita Gibson: In-favour

Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Dena Morrison: In-favour

– **Carried**

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**

a) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Governance By-Laws Update

i) Notice of Motion: 23-R24, A.Gibson

That the recommended changes as outlined in Governance By-Law 3: Organizational Meeting, point 3.1.1 as amended be approved.

ii) Notice of Motion: 23-R25, D.Dewar

That the recommended changes as outlined in Governance By-Law 6: Duties of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, point 6.3 as amended be approved.

b) **Labour Relations Committee**

Motion: 23-R26, D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That the Board ratify the tentative CUPE provincial central agreement as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– Carried

c) **Audit Committee**

i) **Audit Committee Annual Reports**

Trustee Morrison, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2021-2022 Audit Committee reports.

ii) **2021/2022 Financial Statements**

Superintendent Guilbault introduced Derek D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG, who presented the consolidated financial statements from the 2021-2022 school year and answered questions from trustees.

Motion: 23-R27, D.Morrison/A.Gibson

That the 2021/2022 Financial Statements be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– Carried

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Director's Annual Report**

Director Bruce Bourget provided a review on the 2021-2022 Annual Report, that will be posted on the Board's website next week.

2. **Public Education Symposium (PES) 2023**

Motion: 23-R28, J.Kosmerly/A.Gibson

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the 2023 Public Education Symposium in Toronto January 26-28, 2023.

(Trustee Clement, Trustee Corbiere-Addison, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kosmerly)

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour*

– Carried

3. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2023**

Trustees were reminded to SAVE THE DATE for the 2023 Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium, 2023 being held April 27-28, at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto

4. **OSTA-AECO Fees**

Motion: 23-R29, J.Hunda/A.Gibson

That the 2022-2023 membership fees in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour*

– Carried

5. **Insurance Renewal**

Motion: 23-R30, D.Morrison/L.Corbiere-Addison

That the 2023 Renewal of Insurance for liability, property, crime and fleet automobile with the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange for \$328,600.08 be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour*

Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– **Carried**

6. **Budget Development Process**

Motion: 23-R31, D.Morrison/D.Farrow

That the 2023-24 Budget Development Process be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– **Carried**

7. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 23-R32, A.Gibson/J.Kosmerly

That Trustee Debassige and Student Trustee Trudeau be granted a leave of absence from the December 6, 2022 Board meeting.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour

– **Carried**

8. **Director's Remarks**

I would be remiss to let this meeting slip away without recognizing an individual who has been essential to our Board for many years now.

As Superintendent of Business, Dennis Bazinet plays a critical role leading our Facilities, Information Services and Finance departments.

He ensures we are fiscally responsible, managing our budget and annual budget process. He has certainly earned our respect for his calm, steady approach and the thoroughness he brings to his role.

Superintendent Bazinet has supported the Chair/Vice-Chair and all Trustees, Executive Council and our school administrators in countless ways throughout his tenure with the Board.

Dennis is well versed in all aspects within the scope of his work and has been integral to the Board's success.

Above and beyond the strengths he has shared and the sound advice he has brought to our team, our schools and the board, Dennis is an all-round wonderful person.

He is kind and compassionate. He genuinely cares about the people he works with and the students that we serve.

This is Dennis's last Board Meeting. He is retiring next week from full-time employment after more than 40 years of dedicated service in the public and private sectors.

We will not be saying goodbye just yet as there is a bit more time in the new year dedicated to transition planning. After that, he will be able to dedicate his full efforts to a growing "to do" list at home.

I am grateful to Dennis as I am sure we all are for his hard work, care, dedication, and commitment to Rainbow Schools.

Thank you Dennis. We wish you a retirement filled with family, friends and fun. You deserve the very best life has to offer. Congratulations!

I would like to also once again welcome Adam Guilbault to our team. Adam is our incoming Superintendent of Business. We are very fortunate to have him assume the role. Adam is working hard and will do great things for Rainbow for years to come!!

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees, Executive Council, our School Administrators, our teachers and all support staff for the incredible work you do each and every day.

A well-earned break is just around the corner. I wish everyone a restful, safe, fun-filled holiday season! We look forward to continuing our good work on behalf of students in the new year.

9. **Other Items**

OPSBA Derector – Trustee Kosmerly attended the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting on November 27th. Details from the meeting were shared with Trustees in the December 5th OPSBA Connects email. She also attended the November 28th OPSBA Advocacy which was a great event where members spent the day at Queen's Park attending Question Period, and meeting with their local MPPs including the Minister of Education. She shared the next Board of Directors meeting will be in February.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Kuntsi shared that schools are hosting lots of holiday events: spirit weeks, food drives and toy drives for the holidays. She shared that Secondary Open Houses are starting up and students are excited to

participate. Student Senate is focusing on period equity for the month of January and February and will be hosting fundraisers for period products. Senate will also be hosting a Seniors Valentine card campaign and will be delivering to nursing homes in the Sudbury, Manitoulin and Espanola areas. Students are looking forward to the holidays but also feeling the stress of exams and Student Senate will be looking to help in the new year.

10. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison wished Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.

Trustee Farrow thanked Trustees for making him feel welcome and wished all a happy holiday season.

Trustee Dewar wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Gibson thanked all Rainbow staff and students who participated at the telethon.

Trustee Hunda wished everyone happy holidays and a Merry Christmas. She hoped everyone could get some rest and relaxation.

11. **Chairperson's Remarks**

As we head into the festive season, one of the most wonderful times of the year in Rainbow Schools, staff and students are spreading cheer and goodwill in many ways with...

- canned food drives
- winter clothing campaigns for families in need
- acts of kindness
- carols and concerts
- turkey and trimmings
- Santa and spirit days

A detailed list of the fantastic things happening in Rainbow Schools will be available soon at rainbowschools.ca.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHTS

Do you have a child starting school this fall? Elementary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island will host in-person Information Nights for families on Wednesday, January 11th at 5:30 pm for the English program, and Thursday, January 12th at 5:30 pm for schools offering English and French Immersion. All parents/guardians and children are welcome.

SECONDARY INFORMATION NIGHTS

Secondary schools have already begun hosting in-person Information Nights. We have two taking place this Thursday, December 8th - Confederation Secondary School at 6 pm and Lockerby Composite School at 7 pm.

In the new year...

Sudbury Secondary School will host an Info Night on January 11th at 7 pm.

Lo-Ellen Park will host an Info Night on January 12th at 7 pm.

CVDCS will host an Info Night on January 18th at 6 pm.

Visit rainbowschools.ca for a complete list of schools, dates and times.

For the Information Nights that have already taken place, there is still time to register!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parent Involvement Committee will meet next Tuesday, December 13th at 7 pm.

The presentation topic is on de-streaming in Grade 9.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

A friendly reminder that the Christmas break will soon be upon us.

Schools will be closed from December 19th to December 30th respectively.

Monday, January 2nd is a holiday.

Schools will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.

DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rainbow District School Board continues to highlight and celebrate days of significance and events on its Facebook page.

And, my quote this month takes me back where I began...

with all of the wonderful things happening in Rainbow Schools.

W.C. Jones once said:

"The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the holidays."

And this quote is certainly appropriate for our staff and students who touch hearts in truly special ways at this time of the year and make us so proud to be part of Rainbow Schools.

I would also like to share a caption from The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg:

"Seeing is believing but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we cannot see."

On behalf of the Board, I wish all students, staff, parents, guardians and community partners a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

May 2023 bring you peace and joy.

Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Equity & Inclusion Committee December 8, 2022 4:00 pm
Parent Involvement Committee December 13, 2022 7:00 pm
Student Senate Meeting January 9, 2023 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting January 10, 2023 5:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting January 11, 2023 3:30 pm
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee January 12, 2023 4:00 pm
Parent Involvement Committee January 17, 2023 7:00 pm
Board Meeting January 24, 2023 5:00 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 23-R33, D.Farrow/J.Hunda
That we do now adjourn at 8:12 p.m. - **Carried**

UNOFFICIAL

3. Governance By-Law 3: Organizational Meeting

- 3.1. The annual organizational meeting of the Board in a municipal election year will be held as per the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the Education Act.
 - 3.1.1. ~~In a non-election year, the Organizational and Regular meetings of the Board will be combined at the December meeting.~~ In each following year, the Board shall hold its organizational meeting at the first meeting on or after the anniversary of the date of the term of office the board began.
- 3.2. At such meetings at the appointed time, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order.
- 3.3. At the annual organizational meeting of the Board in a municipal election year, the Secretary will call the meeting to order and read the election returns as certified by the Clerks of the Municipalities. These Clerks act as Returning Officers for the election of Trustees of Rainbow District School Board.
 - 3.3.1. The Secretary shall certify that the members have met all procedural requirements and are eligible to take office.
- 3.4. The First Nations' representative shall be appointed as a member of the Board by recorded motion.
- 3.5. Prior to taking office, members will make a declaration as referred to in the *Education Act* and take an Oath of Allegiance as referred to in the *Education Act*.
- 3.6. With the Secretary presiding, or in his/her absence, a temporary Chairperson chosen by open vote of the Board, the Board shall proceed to elect a Chairperson by secret ballot for the ensuing year.
 - 3.6.1. The Secretary or temporary Chairperson shall name the scrutineers.
 - 3.6.2. The Secretary or temporary Chairperson shall call for nominations and seconders for the position of Chairperson.
 - 3.6.3. Of those nominated and agreeing to allow their names to stand for election, the member receiving a clear majority of the votes cast by all members present shall be declared elected. The count shall not be declared. If no member receives a clear majority of the

votes cast on the first ballot, the scrutineers will announce the result. The name receiving the fewest votes will be dropped and balloting will continue until a majority of votes are in favour of one person. If the final two candidates receive an equal number of votes, the drawing of lots will fill the position.

- 3.6.4. The person declared Chairperson shall take the Chair at once and preside over the meeting.
- 3.7. The Board shall elect a Vice-Chairperson and the procedure will be as for the election of the Chairperson.
- 3.8. Membership on the various Board Standing Committees shall be determined immediately following the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. If required, members shall be chosen by secret ballot.
 - 3.8.1. Board Standing Committees shall consist of the Accessibility Planning Committee, Audit Committee, Environmental Committee, Equity and Inclusive Education Committee, First Nation Advisory Committee, Labour Relations Committee, Parental Involvement Committee, School Year Structure Committee, Special Education Advisory Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Student Senate, Supervised Alternative Learning Committee.
 - 3.8.2. Board Standing Committees shall be defined as per Appendix A.
- 3.9. The Board shall elect its representative(s) to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA).
- 3.10. The Chairperson shall direct the scrutineers to destroy any and all ballots used during the elections by recorded motion.

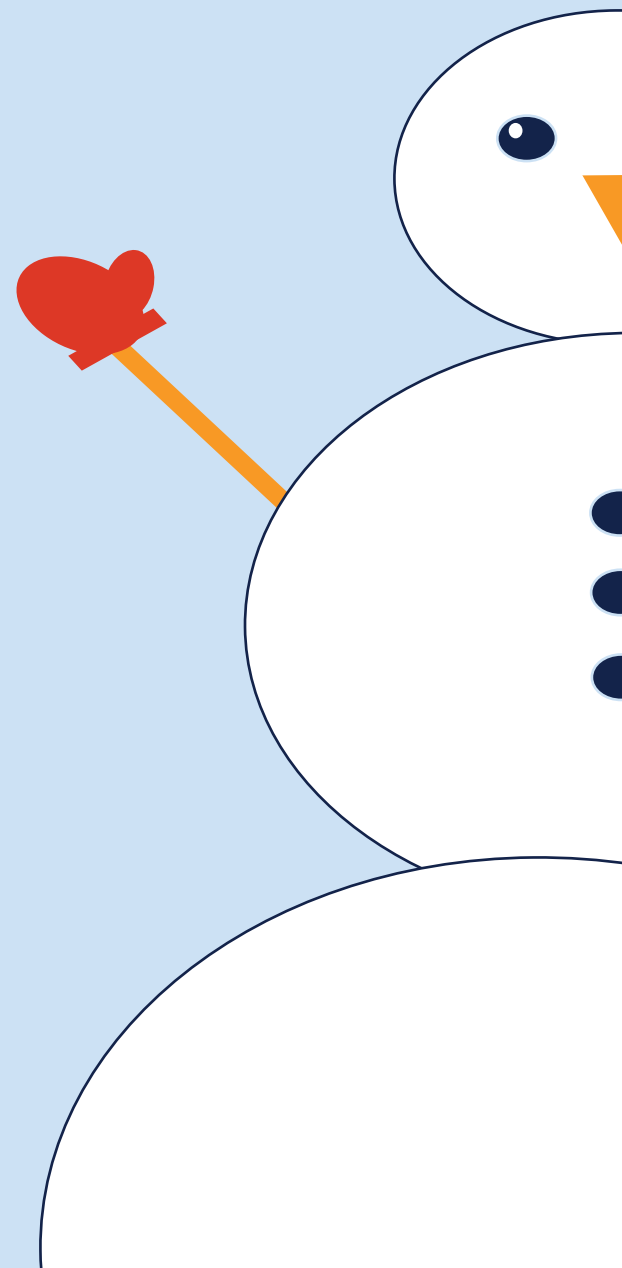
6. Governance By-Law 6: Duties of Chairperson And Vice Chairperson

- 6.1. The Chairperson of the Board is the official spokesperson for the Board, on matters which reflect the will of the Board through resolution.
- 6.2. The Chairperson of the Board, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson, shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He/she will call the meeting to order at the hour appointed and shall preserve order and decorum and decide upon all questions of order. He/she shall cause the Recording Secretary to record the names of all members present and absent.
- 6.3. In the event of the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson becoming permanently vacant, a new Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall be elected **at the next Regular Board meeting** in the same manner as before provided. (See By-Law 3)
- 6.4. In case of the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for ten minutes after the hour of the commencement of any meeting, as soon as a quorum shall be present, the Board under the direction of the Secretary, shall choose a temporary Chairperson.
- 6.5. The temporary Chairperson shall preside only until the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson arrives and the immediate business at hand is completed.
- 6.6. The Chairperson shall declare the result of each vote.
- 6.7. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all Board committees with the exception of the audit committee. He/she has the same voting rights as other committee members, is not counted in calculating the number necessary for a quorum, but does count at a committee meeting to provide that quorum.
- 6.8. The Chairperson shall not take part in any discussion regarding a motion unless he/she first leaves the Chair and appoints someone to take his/her place until the motion is decided.
- 6.9. The Chairperson shall vote with other members of the Board.
- 6.10. The Chairperson shall sign all minutes approved by the Board.
- 6.11. The Chairperson shall decide when a question is to be put to a vote.

Title:	Special Education Advisory Committee
Contact:	Kathy Wachnuk
Date Submitted:	January 24, 2023
Mandate	Under Regulation 464/97 every district school board shall establish a Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).
Background	Membership is comprised of members appointed by the Board from its membership, from the First Nations and from local associations that represent parents of children who have exceptionalities. In addition, the Board may appoint one or more additional members, who are not members of the Board, or of a committee of the Board.
Information	<p>Local associations may write to the secretary of the Board to request representation on the SEAC. A Membership Committee considers the requests and establishes a recommendation to the Board. The Board may appoint to membership of the SEAC only those persons who qualify. The term of office coincides with Board member terms.</p> <p><u>Association Members:</u> Autism - Ontario Autism Coalition, Sudbury Chapter Learning Disabilities - Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, Sudbury Chapter Developmental Disabilities - Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury Physical Disabilities (FASD) - Children's Community Network Behaviour - Northern Ontario Assessment and Resource Centre (NOARC)</p> <p><u>Members of First Nations:</u> First Nations of Tuition Agreement Aboriginal Community of Non-Tuition Agreement</p> <p><u>Trustee Members:</u> RDSB RDSB</p> <p><u>Members at Large:</u> Autism Ontario March of Dimes</p>
Recommendation	That Rainbow District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) membership be approved for the period of January 2023 to November 2026.

Conference Agenda

Board Council Conference



February 16 - 19, 2023

The Westin Ottawa
11 Colonel By Dr, Ottawa, Ontario



Thursday, February 16

- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** **Registration**
- 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm** **Welcome to OSTA-AECO's BCC 2023**
 - Land acknowledgement of traditional territory – *Working group chairs*
 - Introduction to OSTA-AECO and team building activities – *Steffen Zylstra, Operations Coordinator, and Communications Working Group*
- 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm** **Night-time activity**
- 10:00 pm to 12:00 am** **Check-in with Board of Directors**

Friday, February 17

- 8:15 am to 9:00 am** **Breakfast**
- 9:00 am to 9:30 am** **Opening ceremonies**
 - Roll call - *Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator*
 - Land acknowledgement – *Working group Chairs*
 - Presidential address – *Aisha Mahmoud, President*
 - CEO address – *Declan Amaral, CEO*
- 9:30 am to 10:45 am** **Board council breakouts**
 - Catholic board council presidents, *Stephanie De Castro, Katie Bowie*
 - Public board council presidents, *Tiya Patel, Antong Hou*
- 10:45 am to 11:30 am** **Keynote speaker - Assembly of 7 Generations**
- 11:30 am to 11:45 am** **Networking break**
- 11:45 am to 12:30 pm** **Working group breakouts**
- 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm** **Lunch**



- 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm** **Formulating arguments and opinions effectively – OSTA-AECO Debate Session**
- 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm** **Executive Council coordinator updates and question period**
- 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm** **Networking break (group photo)**
- 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm** **Board council breakouts**
- 4:45 pm to 5:00 pm** **Closing remarks - *Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator***
- 5:00 pm** **End of conference day one**
- 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm** **Night-time activity**
- 10:00 pm to 12:00 am** **Check-in with Board of Directors**



Saturday, February 18

- 8:30 am to 9:15 am** **Breakfast**
- 9:15 am to 9:30 am** **Opening ceremonies**
 - Roll call - *Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator*
 - Land acknowledgement – *Working group Chairs*
- 9:30 am to 10:30 am** **Working group breakouts**
- 10:30 am to 10:45 am** **Networking break**
- 10:45 am to 12:15 pm** **Board council breakouts**
- 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm** **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm** **Alumni panel**



2:00 pm to 3:00pm	Ontario student trustees – Roundtable discussions
3:00 pm to 3:15 pm	Networking break
3:15 pm to 5:00 pm	Board council breakouts
5:00 pm to 5:45 pm	Keynote speaker
5:45 pm to 6:00 pm	Closing remarks - <i>Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator</i>
6:00 pm	End of conference day two
8:30 pm to 10:00 pm	Night-time activity
10:00 pm to 12:00 am	Check-in with Board of Directors

Sunday, February 19

10:00 am to 11:00 am	Catholic board council Mass
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Public board council breakfast
12:00 pm	Hotel check-out and departure



Board Council Conference 2023

Registration Package

The Westin Ottawa
(11 Colonel By Dr, Ottawa, Ontario)
February 16 - 19, 2023

A letter from the OSTA-AECO Executive Council

Dear Directors of Education, Chairs, and fellow Trustees,

On behalf of OSTA-AECO, we are very excited to invite all student trustees to our upcoming Board Council Conference (BCC) taking place at the Westin in downtown Ottawa from Thursday, February 16th, 2023, to Sunday, February 19th, 2023.

The BCC is an excellent opportunity for student trustees to gain experience and continue enhancing their skillsets through professional development sessions. With engaging keynote speakers, thought-provoking discussions, and the opportunity to network with like-minded individuals from across the province, student trustees will leave the conference better equipped to maximize the remaining time left in their terms. OSTA-AECO is a one-of-a-kind association that includes student trustees from Public and Catholic school boards. While we work in unison to advocate for students in Ontario, we recognize the unique differences between the board councils as well.

The BCC provides optimal time for student trustees to work with their respective board councils on specific initiatives and advocacy projects, while also providing the opportunity for us to work together as an organization.

On behalf of OSTA-AECO, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support, and for continuing to amplify student voice throughout your board. Please kindly find attached the preliminary agenda and the registration instructions. We look forward to connecting with your student trustee(s) in Ottawa this February.

Yours in Education,



Aisha Mahmoud
President



Tiya Patel
PBC President



Stephanie De Castro
CBC President

OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference, 2023

Date

February 16 - February 19, 2023

Location

The Westin Ottawa (11 Colonel By Dr, Ottawa, Ontario)

Accommodation

Accommodations for each attendee will be booked by OSTA-AECO's account with the conference hotel once the attendees have been registered. Hotel reservation details will be sent a week prior to the conference. For supervision purposes, student trustees are strongly encouraged to stay at the conference hotel. We only reserve a specific number of rooms per conference. Please be aware that room bookings are first come, first served.

Registration

Register [here](#). Registration fees are based on the date of registration and the membership status of the school board within the organization (see below). Student trustees must be registered for the conference to be able to attend.

Timeline

Early bird registration will end January 3, 2023. Conference registration will be open until January 20, 2023.

Fees

	Member	Non-member
Early bird	\$ 536.00	\$ 614.00
Regular	\$ 587.00	\$ 665.00

Payment methods

We accept credit card, and payment can be made at the link [here](#). After completing registration, the school board contact will receive an invoice from OSTA-AECO within 5-7 business days for registration and hotel fees. If you have any questions, please contact us at conference@osta-aeco.org.

Conference logistics

School board checklist

- Register online [here](#)
- Pay online [here](#) or by cheque, as preferred

Student trustee checklist

- Register online [here](#)
- Review Code of Conduct

Arrival registration

Upon conference arrival, attendees must register in-person on February 16, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Overnight supervision

Oversight and supervision safety is a primary concern at conferences. Our Board of Directors is responsible for the supervision and safety of all attendees. All student trustees are required to complete check-in with the Board between 10:00 pm and 12:00 am each evening of the conference. Once check-in has been completed, student trustees are to return to their hotel rooms to rest for the next conference day.

In the case that an attendee has not completed check-in, the student trustee will be contacted via the phone number provided. If we are unable to reach the student trustee directly, members of our Board will contact the student trustee's parent/guardian and Director of Education, as outlined in the Student Trustee Code of Conduct that each student trustee signs prior to attending conferences.

All Directors are required to have verified criminal record checks with vulnerable sector screening, in addition to having first aid and mental health training. Student trustees will be able to contact a director 24 hours a day through the Conference Supervision Line: 888.994.9381.

Contact us

Please direct all inquiries to conference@osta-aeco.org.

Official Minutes
Accessibility Planning Committee
held in room 125
at the Centre for Education
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 2:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Dennis Bazinet, Nicole Charette, Tiffany Batchilder
Judy Kosmerly, George Gauthier, Nathalie Mousseau, Kathy Wachnuk

Others: Heather Thirkill

Regrets: Kathy Dokis, Linda Mende

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome – Superintendent Bazinet
2. Motion to approve agenda as amended (the amendment being the addition of item 3.5 *AODA Summary – Private Sector*)
Moved by Nicole Charette, seconded by Judy Kosmerly
3. Review of June 12, 2017 Minutes

Minutes approved - Moved by George Gauthier, seconded by Nathalie Mousseau

Trustee Kosmely spoke about the non-gender washrooms at Confederation SS. She has received complaints about the cleanliness from parents of grade 7 & 8 students. Students have the option to use other washrooms. This is a school-based issue.
- 3.5 AODA Summary Private Sector

Review of report distributed reviewing all of the timelines of obligations for accessibility.
4. Review of the updated RDSB Multi Year Accessibility Plan

Nathalie walked through the document provided page by page. Discussion.

The revised, approved report (2018-2022) will be posted on the board website after it has been shared with PIC and SEAC (Fall 2018).

In the meantime, the previous report (2012-2017) and the new report (2018-2022) with "*draft*" will be posted on the website.

This report will be shared with PIC and SEAC as an agenda item at the next scheduled meeting of the committee.

Revisions required:

Page 5 – revisions to programs/locations

Page 7 – revisions to phone numbers

Appendix A – updates provided to chart

Lansdowne PS is on the radar for accessibility requirements by 2025.

Nicole received a suggestion that accessibility should be included on each school's website. Perhaps a link to Appendix A would provide information required.

Superintendent Wachnuk asked about alarms and signals for buildings where deaf/hard of hearing students attend. These buildings could be prioritized for installation of signal and alarm equipment.

Discussion of closed captioning, auto-read and tagging of images on the board website.

5. 2017 Accessibility Compliance Report

Review of the 2017 report provided. Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report. He advised that the consortium takes care of the transportation piece for students in all four school boards. Kathy Wachnuk meets with the consortium yearly to review accommodations required for Rainbow students.

Next report due date is December 31, 2019.

6. Training Update

A new form has been developed by Human Resources and is used by new employees to track confirmation of training. New employees are required to complete this form before commencing his/her new position with Rainbow District School Board. This information is stored in IPPS.

7. Other Business

Report of parking at Walden PS that that was brought up at the June 2017 meeting. Nathalie advised that the current parking spots are as close as possible to the front door given the building placement. This will be considered for future new builds.

Tiffany advised that HR would annually review accommodations provided to staff to ensure everything is working well in his/her workspace.

8. Meeting adjourned @ 3:40 pm

Moved by George Gauthier, seconded by Judy Kosmerly

Next Meeting: June 2019

Official

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7 pm
Via Google Meet

Attendance

Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Ashley Malley, Parent, Redwood Acres Public School; Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Bridget Erwin, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Meredith Coulis, ETFO representative; Nadia Berardelli, Principal, Markstay Public School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Espanola High School; Sheila James, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Doreen Dewar, Trustee; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Call to Order: 7 pm

1. Welcome

Vice-Chair Bernadette Rémillard chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Chair Natasha Delaney joined the meeting shortly thereafter.

2. Approval of the agenda

"That the agenda for the meeting of May 10, 2022 be approved."

Moved by: Ashley Malley, Redwood Acres Public School

Seconded by: Sheila James, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

"That the minutes of the meeting on April 12, 2022 be approved."

Moved by: Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Espanola High School

Seconded by: Ashley Malley, Redwood Acres Public School

Carried

4. Brainstorming for 2022-2023

Lesley Fisher shared the input gathered from a Google survey regarding possible topics/speakers for the 2022-2023 school year, including the Annual General Meeting.

Superintendent Fisher reviewed the proposed dates of PIC meetings in 2022-2023 and noted that they did not conflict with Board meetings or Strategic Planning meetings. She indicated that PIC meetings are held from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Superintendent Fisher shared a possible presentation for the AGM and asked for feedback.

Feedback was positive.

Superintendent Fisher reviewed the survey topics, in no particular order, and suggested other topics that may be of interest to PIC.

Superintendent Fisher invited Committee members to share more topics as well.

The following topics were proposed - Grade 9 math and destreaming; early reading; inclusion; parent portal; school climate survey and student census; What is PIC?; online graduation requirement with opt-out provision; elementary science curriculum; cyber safety; PRO grants; pre-school transition; and community partners.

PIC members voted on the topics for the 2022-2023 school year, as follows:

October 18, 2022:	Parenting Through The Storm with Ann Douglas
December 13, 2022:	Destreaming
January 17, 2023:	Inclusion
February 28, 2023:	Parent/Guardian Portal
April 11, 2023:	Student Census Data
May 9, 2023:	Planning for the 2023-2024 school year

5. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the communications report.

Free to Be Me Conference

Rainbow District School Board will host a two-day symposium aimed at creating and enhancing school-based supports for students who are lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, questioning and two-spirited (LGTBQ2S) as well as students with friends and family members in these communities. Since its inception in 2009, Embrace Diversity: Free to Be Me has expanded to include poverty, race, culture and disabilities. The conference will take place at Cambrian College on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 for Grades 9 to 12 and Thursday, May 19, 2022 for Grades 7 and 8.

Kindergarten Orientation / Registration Sessions

In-person Kindergarten Orientation sessions continue throughout May for children starting school this fall and their parents/guardians. Families will have an opportunity to connect with Kindergarten teachers, early childhood educators and school personnel. They will also meet other children starting school. There is still time to register.

Challenge Meet and Track and Field

Rainbow District School Board will host its Challenge Meet at the Laurentian University Track on June 9th from 10 am to 2 pm. (The rain date is June 10th). Track and field meets will also resume

in June.

In-person graduations

Elementary and secondary schools are busy preparing for in-person graduations. Some will be held at the schools, while others will be held at community locations. Either way, graduations are the most wonderful time of the year. If you have a child graduating, congratulations!

Shad Canada

Four students from Rainbow Schools have been accepted into the prestigious Shad Canada program this summer. Grade 10 student Grace Martin of Lockerby Composite School, Grade 10 student Kate Rantala of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Grade 11 student Edward Xiong of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, and Grade 11 student Jocelyn Kuntsi of Manitoulin Secondary School. They will join secondary students from across Canada to explore the exciting world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) and Entrepreneurship.

Kids Caring for Kids

After a two-year hiatus, staff and students at Lockerby Composite School resumed their long-standing tradition of caring and raised \$15,000 through school events for the Pediatric Oncology Program of the Northeast Cancer Centre at Health Sciences North. The school plans to resume its popular door-to-door fundraising campaign in the community this October.

Student Census Update

Consultations have been occurring throughout the school year to finalize the questions for the Student Census that will take place in the fall of 2022. A Steering Committee has been established to review input and guide the process. Participation will be voluntary. Staff members are currently working on communications to build awareness and understanding for the Census, the first of its kind in Rainbow Schools. The Census will gather identity and demographic information. Results will be presented in aggregate form only for groups of students to determine patterns and trends to inform decision making on programs and services to support success for all students. The Census has been mandated by the Ministry of Education.

6. School Announcements

Bernadette Rémillard of Sudbury Secondary School highlighted a number of initiatives including community clean up, ISP class growing plants, the ViewDance competition, students and staff wearing red in honour of missing Indigenous women; students participating in the Learn to Lead Conference; and the May 13th Spring Concert in the Sheridan Auditorium.

Bridget Erwin of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary school said organization for the in-person prom and graduation is going well. Grade 12 DELF exams were completed. The PRO Grant presentation on diversity and inclusion will take place on May 24th. The school also collected donations for Ukrainian families in Sudbury.

Ashley Malley of Redwood Acres Public School said there were a lot of activities taking place at the school from Easter egg hunts, to a fun fair, field trips, butterfly garden, and growing food from seeds. She mentioned the school's Breakfast Club. Ashley Malley indicated she is also involved with the Adamsdale School Council where amazing things are happening. She indicated that the community feel of schools is great to see.

Natasha Delaney of Jean Hanson Public School said the school was hosting its second vaccination clinic.

Denis Plouffe of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School said he welcomed the opportunity to hear Frank DeAngelis and Kevin Cameron speak. The presentations were hosted by the Violence Threat Risk Assessment Steering Committee. Denis Plouffe talked about the stresses and strains on parents/guardians to meet all of the demands in a challenging time. He focused on the importance of mental health and well-being for children and adults.

7. Adjournment

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Ashley Malley, Redwood Acres Public School

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Annual General Meeting

Topic: Parenting Through The Storm with Ann Douglas

**Audit Committee
Official Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2022 at 3:00 PM
held electronically via Google Meet
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury**

Present:

Trustees: D. Morrison, J. Hunda, M. Stringer

External Audit Committee Members: F. Cinotti

Regrets: A. Lukezic

Officials: B. Bourget, Director
D. Bazinet, Superintendent of Business
N. Cecchetto, Manager of Finance

Others: D. D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner (KPMG)
S. Brouse, Audit Senior Manager (KPMG)
E. St. Denis, Regional Internal Auditor (RIAM)
Y. de la Morandiere, Assistant Manager of Finance
C. Whitson, recording secretary

Director Bourget completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Audit Committee Meeting via Google Meet.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting of September 26, 2022 be approved. – **carried**

2. **Preliminary Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** NIL

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: D. Morrison/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of June 20, 2022 be approved.
– **carried**

4. **Election of Chair Audit Committees**

The Director called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Audit Committee.

J. Hunda nominated D. Morrison

- a) Motion: D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That nominations be closed. – **carried**

Chair Morrison accepted the nomination.

- b) Motion: M.Stringer/F.Cinotti
That Dena Morrison be acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board's Audit Committee. – **carried**

5. **2021/2022 External Audit Plan – Report from KPMG**

Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti

That the 2021/2022 External Audit Plan be recommended to the Board for approval. – **carried**

6. **Northeastern Ontario Region 2021/2022 Annual Report**

RIAM St. Denis reviewed the report that was included in the back up.

RIAM St. Denis was asked about the sharing of interest income and advised he would discuss with M. Dodge and follow up with the committee.

7. **Audit Committee Self-Assessment Questionnaire**

Committee members discussed and Chair Morrison requested any input or suggestions be sent by email by October 7th.

8. **Evaluation of Regional Internal Audit Team Performance**

Committee members discussed.

9. **Evaluation of External Auditors Performance**

Committee members discussed.

10. **Future Meetings**

December 2022

11. **Adjournment**

Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti

That we now adjourn 4:08 p.m. - **carried**

**Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6 pm
Via Google Meet**

Call to order 6 pm

Attendance

Bob Clement, Chair, Rainbow District School Board; Doreen Dewar, Trustee; Dena Morrison, Trustee; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee; Margaret Stringer, Trustee; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Bruce Bourget, Director of Education; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Nadia Berardelli, Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Sheila James, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Jennifer Harvey, Principal, Lansdowne Public School; Dawn Debassige, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Lisa Puddester, Vice-Principal, Northeastern Elementary School; Lynn Simard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School and Queen Elizabeth Public School; Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Ashley Vickman, Parent, Walden Public School; Caitlin Angeloff, Vice-Principal, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Janet McCarville, Parent, Assiginack Public School and Manitoulin Secondary School; Sandipan Bera, Parent, Churchill Public School; and Colleen Burns, Parent, Lansdowne Public School.

1. Welcome from Superintendent of Schools Lesley Fisher

Superintendent Lesley Fisher welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

She reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced members of the 2021-2022 PIC Executive. Superintendent Fisher also introduced administrators, teachers and Trustees who participated in PIC. She acknowledged all of the parents who attended PIC meetings and thanked them for their interest and support.

She also reviewed the topics covered during the 2021-2022 School Year:

October 19, 2021:	Nurturing Resilience with Dr. Michael Ungar
December 14, 2021:	Effective School Councils
January 4, 2022:	Mental Health Strategic Plan
February 8, 2022:	Equity and Inclusion/Census/Survey Results
April 12, 2022:	Outdoor Classrooms
May 10, 2022:	Planning for the 2022-2023 school year

2. Greetings from Board Chair Bob Clement

Board Chair Bob Clement said the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) plays a pivotal role by bringing parents and guardians from all schools together to dialogue, discuss, and, at times, debate topics in education that are relevant to our classrooms and school communities. Rainbow District School Board recognizes the important role that parents play. Working together to support children develops their confidence and gives them the ability to be all they can be.

Rainbow District School Board recently adopted a new mission statement: *Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.* Education is a partnership between the home, the school and the community. Learning is a continuous process. The

agenda for Parent Involvement Committee meetings is structured to allow for learning throughout the school year.

Chair Clement thanked parents/guardians and staff for attending the PIC AGM. He also acknowledged Natasha Delaney and Bernadette Rémillard for serving as Chair and Vice-Chair of PIC over the last school year. He indicated that they have both been long-time members of PIC and their respective School Councils and the Board appreciates all they do on behalf of Rainbow Schools. Chair Clement thanked all parents/guardians for their support.

3. Greetings from Director of Education Bruce Bourget

Director Bourget welcomed parents and guardians. He said their presence sends a strong message that they value education which goes a long way in contributing to student success. He also said it was an honour for him to work on behalf of children in Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, adding that a terrific team of trustees, school administrators, teachers and support staff all want children to achieve their full potential.

The first goal since the beginning of the school year has been to safely reconnect with students, building positive connections and creating supportive school communities in warm and welcoming environments. When students feel safe and supported, and when they have allies by their side in the form of trusted friends and caring adults, they develop a strong sense of belonging at school. When students are engaged, they benefit from the full school experience. Assemblies, field trips, sports, clubs, leadership opportunities and participation in community events energize students.

Parents are important partners in education because parental involvement improves student achievement. The Parent Involvement Committee provides a wonderful venue for parents from across our family of schools to come together, share ideas, and provide input. During the last school year, parents/guardians through the Parent Involvement Committee and School Councils were invited to provide input into the Board's strategic plan. Strategic Directions defines our vision, mission, values and priorities as, together, we commit to succeed. Strategic Directions can be accessed online at rainbowschools.ca.

4. 2022-2023 Election of PIC Membership

Superintendent Fisher explained that at the AGM, a slate of up to 10 candidates is approved for the PIC Executive. According to the Terms of Reference for PIC, the membership includes one representative from each of the Espanola and Manitoulin Island areas, and eight representatives from the Sudbury area.

Prior to the meeting, nominees were invited from all schools.

Superintendent Fisher presented the slate of nominees, as follows:

Shannon Ketchabaw - A.B. Ellis Public School
Sandipan Bera - Churchill Public School
Steffany Bourque - Chelmsford District Valley Composite School
Natasha Delaney - Jean Hanson Public School
Colleen Burns - Lansdowne Public School
Angelina Kasunich - Lockerby Composite School
Denise Sheppard - Manitoulin Secondary School
Melissa Gladu - Northeastern Elementary School
Jen Makin - Queen Elizabeth Public School

Bernadette Remillard - Sudbury Secondary School

The PIC Executive for 2022-2023 was acclaimed.

Superintendent Fisher introduced this year's non-parent PIC members:

Judy Kosmerly (Trustee)
Lesley Fisher (Superintendent of Schools)
Nicole Charette (Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications)
Kristina Rivard Gobbo (Secondary Principal)
Nadia Berardelli (Elementary Principal)
Sheila James (Secondary Vice-Principal)
Lisa Puddester (Elementary Vice-Principal)

5. Meeting dates for 2022-2023

Superintendent Fisher reviewed the schedule of PIC meetings for the school year:

October 18, 2022:	Parenting Through The Storm with Ann Douglas
December 13, 2022:	Destreaming
January 17, 2023:	Inclusion
February 28, 2023:	Parent/Guardian Portal
April 11, 2023:	Student Census Data
May 9, 2023:	Planning for the 2023-2024 school year

Superintendent Fisher thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting. Participants were invited to join the presentation on Parenting Through the Storm with Ann Douglas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 7 pm
Via Google Meet
Topic: Destreaming